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AMMONS ARE SUED - ELLISES ARE SUING

Coffee County sues and is sued

by Marvin McIlwain
Elba Clipper Editor

On Friday, December 21, a \$125,000 civil lawsuit was filed against Marilyn Ammons, former Coffee County Commission bookkeeper, by county attorney, Warren Rowe.

The suit also asks that Mrs. Ammons' assets be attached by the court.

According to the law suit, more than \$125,000 in county funds is missing and Mrs. Ammons stands accused of "knowingly and without consent of the county" taking the money.

In October of last year, Mrs. Ammons was arrested and charged with first degree theft in connection with the alleged missing funds. She is presently free on a \$20,000 appearance bond.

A preliminary hearing for Mrs. Ammons has been scheduled for this month.

MRS. AMMONS "IS DISPOSING OF PROPERTY, BOTH REAL AND PERSONAL"

Commission Chairman Billy Eageron and Coffee County administrator Wilson Mobley have both signed affidavits alleging Mrs. Ammons, "is disposing of property, both real and personal." The suit charges she is disposing of the property so as to prevent the county from attaching it to be used in the replacing missing county funds mentioned in the grand jury indictment.

Mrs. Ammons' husband, Buddy Ammons, former Coffee County Chief Deputy Sheriff, was not named in the suit, nor was his personal property singled out for attachment.

A \$20 million lawsuit has been filed against the members of the Coffee County Commission and the Board of Registrars by Dell Ellis, his wife, Nancy, and their two children, Della and Joseph.

The Ellises are each seeking \$2.5 million compensatory damages and \$2.5 million in punitive damages.

The suit is a result of the Ellises claiming that their voting rights, right to free speech and due process of the law have all been violated. They also maintain that they were the victims of malicious prosecution.

Last July, the Ellises were indicted by a Coffee County Grand Jury for voter fraud and perjury. The Ellises had voted a challenge ballot in last year's general election after their names had been removed from the voters list by the Board of Registrars.

The Board had removed the Ellises from the voters list after it was determined that they lived in Geneva County which borders Coffee County on the south.

Circuit Judge Terry Butts dismissed the grand jury indictments after which District Attorney Joel Folmar filed an appeal with the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals. No ruling has been made at this time.

After the dismissal of the indictments, the Ellises filed a civil lawsuit against the Board of Registrars seeking to have their names returned to the Coffee County voters list. They were awarded that right by a jury of their peers in early December of last year.

The Ellises do, in fact, have a home in Geneva County, but they contended in their suit that their domicile is Coffee County. Domicile being that which includes their work, civic, church, social and other inter-

ests. The jury agreed by stating that domicile privilege allows the Ellises to vote in Coffee County's elections.

In addition to the commission members, board members, and county attorney, Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards, wife of Board of Registrars member Alfred Edwards, is named in the \$20 million lawsuit. Ironically, Mrs. Edwards was a member of the grand jury that indicted the Ellises in July 90.

MRS. EDWARDS SAID SHE WAS "SHOCKED" AFTER RECEIVING HER COPY....

Mrs. Edwards was quoted as saying she was "shocked" after receiving her copy of the suit last Friday. Although she served on the grand jury which returned the indictments against the Ellises, she stated that she did not discuss the G's actions with her husband.

"We heard a lot of cases while I was on the jury," Mrs. Edwards said. "The Ellises' case was just one of many. I didn't know they had voted or attempted to vote until I heard it at the grand jury."

Mrs. Edwards said when she was summoned to grand jury duty, she, along with other prospective jurors, was asked who she was, who her husband was, and about her vocation. She said no one ever told her she wasn't supposed to hear the Ellises' case.

Mr. Ellis contends that he and his family have allegedly been targeted by the County Commission, Board of Registrars, and the County Attorney after he questioned Mr. Rowe's legal fees and complained of road conditions near his mother's home. No court date has been set for either of the lawsuits to be heard.

Whitmans replace display case

A little piece of Elba history is back in place after the March 1990 flood temporarily displaced it. Mrs. Flournoy Whitman presented the keys to a historical collection/memento display case to the Elba Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Chief Lloyd Driggers accepted the keys on the behalf of the department.

The case replaces the one originally dedicated by the grandchildren and great grandchildren of Flournoy Whitman in December of 1983. It was in memory of Mr. Whitman's 53 years of service to the Elba Volunteer Fire Department.

The contents of the cabinet were salvaged from the March flood. "All the items from the original cabinet were found in the fire station," said Chief Driggers. "Only the cabinet had to be replaced."

The memorabilia include a portrait of Whitman, his fireman's helmet, his badge and chief's badge, his coffee mug, his 50 year service plaque, and a framed news clipping from *The Elba Clipper* depicting the original presentation of the case in December of 1983.

The family hopes that other citizens of Elba will contribute items of historical interest about the fire department to add to the collection.



Mrs. Della Whitman presents Fire Chief Lloyd Driggers the keys to the display case dedicated to the memory of Flournoy Whitman.

At the time of his death, Whitman was the only person in the State of Alabama to ever serve 50 consecutive years in a volunteer fireman capacity.



DOWN WITH THE OLD - UP WITH THE NEW!! The demolition of the old General Telephone "exchange" has begun. Crews began tearing down the building that housed the switching equipment for area telephone customers last week. The equipment which was all new and state-of-the-art was destroyed by the March flood and had to be replaced. Construction of the new facility will begin as soon as the old structure is removed from the site. According to GTE officials, the equipment will be housed in a structure several feet above the crest of the March Flood of 1990.



NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION STARTED Work began Monday on preparing the site for the buildings in the new school park. Huge earth moving equipment is being moved onto the Opp highway site and during the next several weeks they plan to rearrange a lot of earth, according to a project supervisor Monday afternoon. Completion of the new school complex, which replaces those destroyed in the March, 1990 flood, is scheduled for the summer of 1992. Bear Brothers of Montgomery is prime contractor on the project. W. S. Newell is subcontractor for the site preparation.

Judge Riley Green retires after 26 years on the bench

The 12th Judicial Circuit lost its senior judge today, December 31, 1990. Circuit Judge Riley P. Green retired serving 26-years on the bench.

Judge Green was appointed after the creation of a second judgeship in the 12th Judicial Circuit on October 7, 1964. Prior to becoming a judge, Green served two years in Pike County as solicitor.

Alabama also lost a senior member of the bench - Judge Green ranks third in seniority of the circuit judges serving in the state.

District Attorney Joel Folmar, who serves the 12th Judicial District as D.A., was quoted as saying, "I have always been able to point to Judge Green as being one of the fairest in the state."

"Another judge will be appointed for the circuit, but Judge Green cannot be replaced," stated Folmar. Judges Gary McAilley and Terry Butts had nothing but "high praise" for the judge.

McAilley said Green is one of the better legal minds in the state.

"Judge Green does what is fair and just according to the law, and has no political leanings which influence his decisions," said McAilley.

Judge McAilley stated that when he ran for circuit judge the first time, He (Green) told him that being a circuit judge was not what one should choose as a career.

Green, being the senior judge with many years of experience, was

often asked for advice by the other judges. "He was always there when I or the others judges needed help," said McAilley.

Judge Terry Butts said Judge Green "made some of the most courageous, guttural decisions that a judge is called upon to make, and he did so without flinching."

Butts said Green who is a "thorough professional" will be missed.

"I will miss him personally, but the circuit will also miss him," said Butts.

A judge will be appointed by Governor Guy Hunt to serve the remainder of Judge Green's term. The appointment will be made from qualified candidates residing in Pike County.

The 12th Judicial Circuit is made up of Coffee and Pike Counties.



NEW SIGNS TO GO WITH NEW LOOK!!! We salute those responsible for the new "welcome" signs located on incoming roads to Elba. The signs depict the diversity of Elba and the post-flood attitude of the people of Elba as new year begins.

Telephone companies running out of numbers

A shortage of available telephone numbers is occurring in the 205 area code, and GTE and the other local telephone companies in Alabama have come up with a solution to the problem.

Beginning January 13, 1991, all telephone users in Alabama must include the 205 area code when placing long distant calls within the state, or the calls will not go through.

"Almost a million telephone numbers can be created by just using the area code when placing long distant calls within the state," said Rick Rotenberry, GTE's Alabama division manager.

He said the number one and zero, previously used exclusively in area codes, will now be used in three digit exchange numbers.

"A complete telephone number, including the area code, must be used under this system, or telephone company switching equipment won't be able to distinguish between area codes and the three digit prefix of a customer's telephone number," Rotenberry explained.

Rapid population growth in Alabama, plus the proliferation of cellular telephones, facsimile machines and pager services is the reason for the shortage of available telephone numbers in the 205 area code, according to Rotenberry.

Prior to the implementation of these dialing changes, long distant calls within the 205 area code were made by dialing "1" or "0" plus the telephone number.

GTE's division manager reminded residential and business customers with Speed Calling and Call Forwarding SmartCall features to reprogram any long distant numbers prior to January 13, he noted that burglary and fire alarm autodialers, facsimile machines and computer modems may also require reprogramming.

Rotenberry also said that multi-line business customers with PABX and key systems which have automatic call routing capabilities, or which include Speed Calling and Call Forwarding SmartCall features, may also require equipment modifications. The system vendor should be contacted regarding these changes, he said.

GTE Telephone Operations-South Area provides local telephone service, markets, leases and sells telecommunications products and services, and supplies voice and data systems in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

NOTICE

LOOK OUT!! Elba Schools are back in session. Classes began @ 8 a.m. TODAY - holidays are over!!

ATTENTION INO RESIDENTS To dispatch the Ino Fire Department **CALL 911** if you are on an Elba line and Dial 1-205-897-2222 if you are on a line other than Elba.

GET READY GTE TELEPHONE CUSTOMERS Beginning January 13, 1991 all telephone users must include the area code, 205, when placing long distant calls within the state.

PRICE INCREASE Please note that *The Elba Clipper* now cost 35¢ per copy

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We saw a couple of little things in our church bulletin Sunday that stuck in our mind. They can apply to most of us. The first was:

The Year - Old and New

The story of the past is told; the future may be writ in gold;

Sunshine and shadow have mingled in the year that has passed away;

Sunshine and shadow will mingle in the year that I meet to-day.

but hand in hand with the Master, I fear not what it will bring;

He knows, He cares, and He loves me, and God is in everything.

Anonymous

We can all relate to the problems of the sunshine (the good things we remember) and the shadow (problems) If you don't have personal shadows, someone in your community surely does or if not, the world's problems should be enough for any of us.

However it is probably better to listen to the following upbeat poem and look forward with the joys tomorrow brings:

THE NEW YEAR

A Flower unblown; a Book unread;

A Tree with fruit unharvested;

A Path untrod; a House whose rooms

Lack yet the heart's divine perfumes;

This is the Year that for you waits

Beyond Tomorrow's mystic gates.

by Horatio Nelson

POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Department, during the week beginning Tuesday, December 25th, investigated the following incidents: one assault, three burglaries, one death investigation, and one theft.

In the same period of time, arrest included: three for speeding, one for no driver's license, two for driving while license revoked, two for expired tag, and one for improper tag. Daily activity for the week was as follows:

TUESDAY, DEC. 25
Wreck on Smith Ave. (11:20 a.m.); Fire at Danley's Crossroads (12:33 p.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26
Wreck on Hwy. 87S. (2:53 p.m.); Rescue and fire personnel dispatched to wreck on Hwy. 87S. (2:59 p.m.); Rescue run to residence on Hwy. 189N. (3:57 p.m.); Wreck at the intersection of Hwy. 189S & Al 203 (7:15 p.m.);

THURSDAY, DEC. 27
Rescue run to Harper Apts. (3:12 a.m.); Fight at Little Beaver Trunk Ct. (11:10 a.m.); Alarm at Kleinfelt's (7:03 p.m.); Fight at Morrow Village (8:13 p.m.);

FRIDAY, DEC. 28
Rescue run to residence on Hwy. 189N. (11:55 a.m.); Wreck at the intersection of Hwy. 87N & Al 203 (12:05 p.m.); Disturbance on Jackson St. (12:12 p.m.);

SUNDAY, DEC. 30
Disturbance on Jackson St. (3:42 p.m.); Fight at Mr. Henry's (3:42 p.m.); Auto fire on E. Davis St. (10:18 p.m.);

MONDAY, DEC. 31
Rescue run to residence on Smith Ave. (2:15 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Old River Rd. (9:13 a.m.);

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The following names were given to The Elba Clipper of people from Elba or who have family here and were called to serve their country in Saudi Arabia.

They Are:

Todd English	Buddy Yaussy
Steve Nelson	Rodrick Caldwell
Perry Barnes	Tyrone Smith
Ronnie Williams	Ronald G. Davis
Steven Talbot	Donnie Morris
Troy Kelley	Robert Hunt
Marice Eillard	Lester Magwood
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Joel L. Koon	David L. Smart
Andrew Robinson	Frank Quan
John P. Coleman	Frank Brunson Jr.
James Keith Rodgers	Leroy Cole Jr.
	Emanuel Magwood

Please let us know of other names we need to add to this list which is updated weekly



OPERATION SANTA CLAUS GOES INTO ACTION... Pictured above with the items to be donated to area families are (L-R): Myra Rhoades, Rusty Betsels, Grant Coleman, Larry Gilbert, Shanta Caldwell and Clide Bell Goolsby. Operation Santa is a yearly event sponsored by the Coffee County Department of Human Resources. The toys are donated by area citizens and any toys requiring repairs are sent to needy families where they are mended by volunteer servicemen. Operation Santa Claus is county wide.

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AREA DEATHS

CARMEN ADKISON DAY
Carmen Adkison Day, 92, of Route 2, (Piney Grove Community), Samson, Alabama died Sunday, December 30, 1990 in Geneva, Alabama.

Funeral services were held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, January 1, 1991 at 3 p.m. with Rev. Phil Craddock and Rev. Joe Grimes officiating. Burial was in the Piney Grove Baptist Church Cemetery near Samson, Alabama.

Survivors included three sons, Alvin Adkison of Niceville, Florida, Roland Day of Samson, Alabama, and John H. Day of Samson, Alabama; one daughter, Frances Turner of Goldsboro, N.C.; one brother, C. B. Adkison of Coffee Springs, Alabama; ten grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.

Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directed the services.

ROY L. HUDSON
Roy L. Hudson, 50, of 1760 Lower Curtis Road, Elba, Alabama died on Wednesday, December 19, 1990 at Elba General Hospital in Elba, Alabama.

Funeral services were held at Hayes Chapel on Thursday, December 20, 1990 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Ruby Neill Lawson and Rev. Mike Medley officiating. Burial followed in the Hudson cemetery located in Elba, Alabama.

Survivors included his wife, Lucille Hudson of Elba, Alabama; four daughters, Roy Lynne Ledford of Elba, Sherry Lynette Sasser of Elba, Rhonda Leigh Stuckey of New Brockton, Alabama, and Donna Delane Sasser of Springville, Alabama; one brother, James Edward Hudson of Elba; his mother, Ila Bell Hudson of Elba; eight grandchildren.

Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directed the services.

CUBBIE DEEN MILLS
Cubbie Deen Mills, 74, of Route 2, Brantley, Alabama died at a private residence in Brantley on Thursday, December 27, 1990.

Funeral services were held at Friendship Baptist Church near Brantley, Alabama on Saturday, December 29, 1990 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Randall Pearson officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Survivors included her mother, Mattie J. Truman, her father, Cary W. Mills, one brother, J. C. Mills of Mobile, Alabama.

Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directed the services.

PEARL LUNSFORD
Pearl Lunsford, 102, of Route 3, Elba, Alabama died on Tuesday, December 18, 1990 in the Elba Nursing Home.

Services were held at Bethel A.M.E. Church, Burdick on Friday, December 28, 1990 with Reverend J. D. Sanders officiating and Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing. Burial followed in Bethel A.M.E. Church Cemetery.

Survivors included his wife: Cora Thomas, Burdick; three sons, Arthur Thomas, Burdick, Emanuel and Donnie George of Watersburg, Connecticut; fourteen grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and thirty-two great-great-grandchildren.

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IT FEELS GOOD Members of the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) organization at the Coffee County Area Vocational Center got into the "Christmas Spirit". They gathered food and other household items to be distributed to needy families at Christmas time. The items will be distributed through "The Heart of Christmas Program". Shown with some of the items donated are (L-R): Tami Carwell, Jai Flowers, April Gibson, Chris Lasser, Judge McAlley, Jessica Rodgers, Michael Corbin, Catina Bass, Judge McAlley is opening his home on December 20 for a party at which time these gifts will be distributed. The group's sponsors are: Susan Ellis and Golda Donaldson.



FOUR GENERATIONS...Pictured above are four generations of the Flourmy Whitman family. They are (L-R) Eric McNair, Mrs. LaWanna Whitman, Mrs. Evelyn Hootch, Mrs. Della Whitman, Sean McNair.

ESJC Offers Miscellaneous Courses

MICROCOMPUTER COURSE
Using the Microcomputer, a professional development course, is offered at four times this winter at Enterprise State Junior College. The course will introduce students to microcomputers and computer software and is designed for adults who have little or no knowledge of computers. It may also be taken for college credit. Two sections will meet during the afternoon and one during the evening at main campus and a class will meet during the evening at Fort Rucker. Registration deadline is January 9.

ACT PREPARATION COURSE
Students anticipating taking the ACT Exam can benefit from ACT Exam Preparation Short Course scheduled at Enterprise State. Sessions devoted to English and reading will meet on January 15 and 17. A review of basic math, Algebra I and geometry will be covered in classes on January 22 and 24. A third section is scheduled January 29 and 31 to cover advanced math. Students may register separately for each class. All three courses will be taught during the evening from 6 until 8 p.m.

TOLE PAINTING CLASS
Tule Painting will be offered on Thursdays beginning January 10 at Enterprise State Junior College. Minimum age for the course is 12. The class will meet on Thursday evening through February 14.

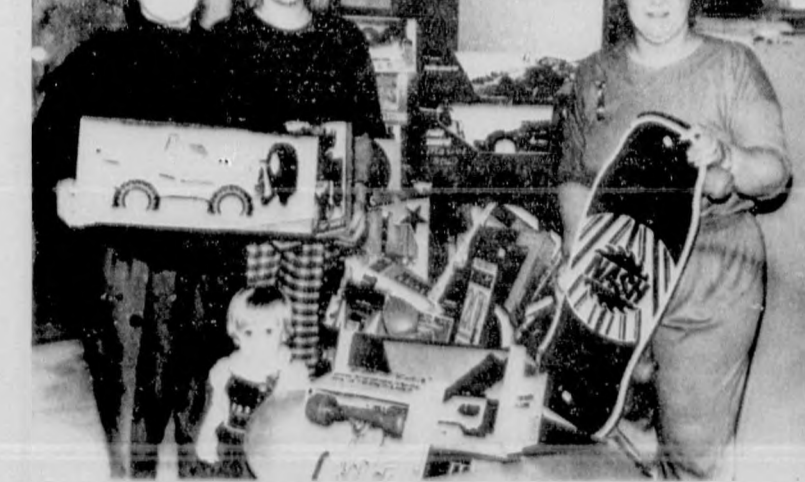
Call 393-ESJC, ext. 266, or 1-800-874-3399 for more information.

Larry Brashears
Initiated Into Phi Kappa Phi

Lawrence J. Brashears Jr. of Elba has been initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Auburn University's most prestigious academic honor. Only the top five percent may register separately for each class. All three courses will be taught during the evening from 6 until 8 p.m.

Brashears graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in wildlife biology at Fall College in December 14. To graduate Magna Cum Laude, students must achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.6.

At AU, he was a member of the field biology club. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Brashears of Elba.



MAKING THE SEASON BRIGHTER... The New Season's Study Club recently went shopping for Santa. The toys pictured above went to the area Adopt-A-Family Program where they were distributed to children victimized by the March flood. "Though several of our members were themselves victims of the flood have been overwhelmed by the generosity of others and are happy we can help those still recovering," said Club President Rhonda Brunson. "We would also like to thank those who made our tour of homes such a success - those who bought tickets and, of course, our generous home owners." Mrs. Brunson also noted that all the toys were purchased from local merchants. "It was important to the club to spend the money at home. We wanted to do our part in helping our merchants in the recovery process."

Paul Dykes New President Of First Federal Savings

Jerry B. Brunson, retiring President of First Federal Bank, announced that Paul Dykes has been promoted to President - Wiregrass Region. Dykes will also retain his title of Senior Vice President as his primary responsibility, the coordination of a single family lending for all offices remains unchanged. Dykes, a life long resident of Enterprise, has served with Brunson at First Federal since 1972. He is heavily involved in many civic activities including several duties with the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, "Farm-City Week", Enterprise Lions Club, Community Housing Resource Board, Enterprise Homebuilders Association, Enterprise Board of Realtors, etc. Dykes is a deacon of Park Avenue Baptist Church.

Brunson also announced that Betty Lawford, Vice President of the bank, has been appointed Office Manager of the Enterprise Office, Lawford, who has been with the bank since 1972, is also Data Communications Coordinator and Supervisor of Teller Operations. She is a native of Enterprise and a life long resident of Coffee County.

Martus Austin, Treasurer of the bank, is responsible for consumer loans, mortgage loan escrow accounting and special customer services. Austin has been employed by

First Federal since 1970 and is also a lifetime resident of the community.

Dykes stated, "I look forward to working with the other staff to continue Brunson's tradition of promoting thrift and home ownership on a sale and sound basis to Enterprise and other Wiregrass towns and communities."

County Health Dept. To Give Measles Shots

The Coffee County Health Department will be going to all the schools in Coffee County in January to give Measles vaccine to all students in 6th grade and 12th grade.

The following schedule has been set by the Health Department: January 29, 1991 - Zion Chapel and Kingston

January 30, 1991 - Enterprise

January 31, 1991 - Elba and New Brockton

Permission forms will be sent home with the children prior to the dates scheduled for the immunization so that parents may sign and return. Each child must have a signed release before they receive the immunization.



ONE ON WITH MADD Pictured above are (L-R) Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey, Amanda Laird and Mrs. Joan Laird tying a red ribbon on a police car. Project Red Ribbon is a holiday awareness campaign developed by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) to remind Americans to be responsible by driving sober during the holiday season and throughout the year. MADD expects to distribute over 60 million red ribbons in 1990. Mrs. Laird, a member of the local MADD organization, encourages YOU to tie one on today!



NEAR TRAGEDY... Rescue workers remove Mrs. Maudine Hart, age 59, of Route 4, Elba from her automobile after she left the road and struck a tree. The accident occurred Wednesday, December 26 at approximately 2:45 p.m. on AL Hwy. 87, 7.5 miles south of Elba. Rescue units from Elba and Enterprise and a pumper from the Elba Fire Department responded to the wreck scene and removed Mrs. Hart who was pinned in the car after the mishap. She was transported to Humana Hospital in Enterprise for treatment. Alabama State Trooper Willie White investigated the accident. Units of the Coffee County Sheriff's Departments assisted Trooper White.

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ZC Student Is Disc Jockey At WZTZ

by Pam Langley

Derek Snellgrove, a member of Zion Chapel's junior class, is a disc jockey for WZTZ.

Derek has been employed by WZTZ since last May. He said that "want to" and the good fortune to have a voice that sounds all right over the air waves were the major requirements for working at the radio station. When applying for the job, Derek had to make a tape of himself reading the news for Mr. Doug Holderfield who is the station owner/manager.

Derek's basic job includes playing music, answering the phone, and taking messages along with requests. "Requests and phone calls are what makes my job fun," said Derek. Derek reports the weather twice an hour, makes public service announcements, and tells about games and contests the station is having.

Derek's mother, Mrs. Karen Snellgrove, started his interest in country music. This interest along with the encouragement from a lot of friends is what made Derek apply for the job. He said that a lot of inspiration came from the band, "The Renegades."

Since starting in the radio business, Derek has done a lot of "announcing" work around Zion Chapel. He was the Master of Ceremonies for the annual Campus Beauty Pageant and he did the public address announcement at the Homecoming Court. One of his first recordings was a taped radio commercial that he did for a science project.

"I enjoy everything about my job and I would like to thank the faculty at Zion Chapel for their works of encouragement. I would also like to thank Doug Holderfield for allowing me to begin to fulfill my dream by giving me this job as a disc jockey for WZTZ," said Derek.



DEREK SNELLGROVE

FFA Fruit Sales Are A Success

by Donna Grant

The Future Farmers of America (FFA) recently concluded their annual orange and fruit sale. The sales are held to raise money for various club activities. They also provide an opportunity for members to make money of their own.

The top salesman this year was Derek Snellgrove. He sold thirty five cases of fruit and will be awarded a cash prize. The second high salesman was Kevin Shoate. He sold thirty two cases and will also be awarded a cash prize.

Z.C.'s Band Holds Chair Auditions

by Donna Holcomb

Chair auditions for the Zion Chapel Rebel Concert Band were recently held. Each member of the band, except percussion, was required to play twelve major scales and a chromatic scale from memory. A major scale is a scale that moves up a half pitch at the time. In addition, the auditions had to play a staccato and legato scale from an "I Recommend" choral booklet. Choral music is music for a concert band. An etude is a short piece of music for a warm-up.



Members of the Zion Chapel Rebel Band who auditioned and were named first chairs in the concert band are: Stacy Black, Jennifer Flowers, Stephanie Brooks, Camille Haynes, Tawaina Neal, Britley Black, Brent Smith, Aimee Rountzong, and Donna Holcomb. Leslie Phillips was unavailable for the photograph.

woodwind auditions. Mr. James Smith, low brass instructor at TSU, judged the low brass and percussion.

The first chairs chosen for all sections of the band are Stacy Black-flute, Jennifer Flowers-clarinet, Stephanie Brooks-bass clarinet, Camille Haynes-saxophone, Leslie Phillips-trumpet, Tawaina Neal-trombone, Britley Black-french horn, Brent Smith-tuba, Aimee Rountzong-zong-baritone, and Donna Holcomb-percussion.

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Monday - Ham, biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Milk
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Wednesday - Pop tart, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Scrambled eggs, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Chicken sandwich w/ Ravioli w/ Meat sauce, French fries, Corn-on-cob, Pear salad, Fruit, Lettuce/Milk

Band Has Christmas Party

by Aimee Rountzong

The Zion Chapel Rebel Band celebrated Christmas with a party given by the band parents.

The bandroom was adorned with snowflakes hanging from the ceiling and various signs, with the words Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings. The refreshment table in the center of the room was accented with a Christmas tree decorated with a picture of each Rebel Band member. The group enjoyed various types of refreshments.

After everyone was finished eating and somewhat finished socializing the band sat in a semi-circle and passed a gift around until the music stopped. The one who was holding the gift when the music stopped won the gift. Britley Black, Hamal White, and Becki Thomas won a Bar Simon key chain and Aimee Rountzong won a guess ball. A guess ball is a ball that you can ask it yes or no questions and it will give you an answer.

The band enjoyed asking the ball usual questions such as "Will I marry the finest guy/girl in the world?" Regina Cole, drum major, presented Mrs. Amanda Ford, band director, with a present from the band, and Camille Haynes, band captain, presented Mrs. Karen Thomas with a gift from the band for all of her hard work.

SHARON RODGERS

Youth For Christ Meet

by Jennifer Flowers

Zion Chapel's Youth for Christ Organization recently met in the home of Jason McLeod. Rev. Mark Griffin, pastor of the Zion Chapel Baptist Church, presented the program.

Members were divided into groups of two and were given a scripture to read, illustrate, and present to everyone. All scriptures referred to the Christmas Story. Jennifer Flowers then sang a song entitled "Jesus Never Fails."

To end the meeting, a meal of turkey, sausage, spaghetti, and enchilada casserole, along with plenty of dessert, was served.



Seniors Of The Week

by Kenya Hammond

Sharon Rodgers is 18 years old and her hobbies include acting, playing baritone in the Marching Tiger Band, and taking with friends. Crystal is a member of the Drama Club, in which she is president, Assistant Editor of Tiger Tales, Reporter of the Senior class serving the class as president. The most recent award she has received for her achievements are attending All Star Band, Troy State Honor Band, and the Jacksonville Honor Band. Crystal's plans for the future are to go to college and be successful at whatever she does. Good luck Crystal!

Jim Goodson is 17 years old and his hobbies include playing football, weight lifting, and cars. Jim is a member of FCA, Sr. Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and the "E" Club. Jim also received the "I Deed You" award, which goes to a deserving student chosen by members of the staff. He is a member of Westside Baptist Church and plans to attend college at the University of Alabama and become a business tycoon or design engineer. Good luck Jim!

Gena Caroline Sloker is 17 years old and is a member of New Haven Baptist Church. Her hobbies include swimming, cheering, jogging, bike riding, skiing, dancing, and singing. Gena is a member of Girl Scout Troop #300, Jr. Music Club, FBLA, Mu Alpha Theta, Sr. Beta Club, Spanish Club, FCA, "E" Club, and secretary of the Student Council. Some of her achievements are Miss Campus Beauty, Miss Band Day, and Varsity cheerleader. Her future plans are to attend college at the University of Alabama and major in elementary education.

Counselor's Red Ribbons For Life

by Heather Stinson

During the holidays we see ribbons of all varieties. Some are tied around Christmas surprises beneath the Christmas tree, while others may just be for festive decoration. Recently the E.H.S. student body, as well as a large majority of the community, had the chance to reveal a different, special kind of ribbon - a ribbon for life.

These wonderful ribbons were distributed by the Elba High School S.A.D.D. Chapter would like to thank the student body, faculty, and community for their support and participation in this important endeavor. We would also like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Mu Alpha Theta Holds Meeting

by Anita Wallace

Yes, that's right! This year the Miss Elba Pageant will be held January 10, 1991 at the Enterprise High School Auditorium. The presentation will consist of 35 contestants in grades 10-12 and plenty of entertainment.

This year's pageant will be conducted in a different manner than the Miss Elba Pageants in the past. One of these has to do with the participation process. Usually the girls have been nominated by their hometown class, but this year they were given a chance to participate by choice. Other differences included the location and time change.

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The Memories Of An Elba Tiger

by Rusty Bedole

This year's play-offs certainly did not end like I had hoped or thought that they would. Still, they provided me with many memories and special feelings, just like I have been provided with the past few years. These experiences I will never forget, no matter where I go or what I see. They are truly special.

I remember back when I was in the seventh grade in 1985, as I listened to Mr. Elkin Williamson on WZTZ as he announced the play-off finale against Alexandria. I recall how excited the whole town was, and the sense of electricity in the air. Unfortunately, we got beat, but everyone was still so happy and proud of our football team. I was glad to be at Elba High School.

The next year, I listened to Mr. Williamson once again as we battled Crossville. That excitement and electricity was there again, yet once again we were defeated. However, the team still had a remarkable season, and all were proud of them.

In the 9th grade, I dressed out with the varsity for the last seven games of the year. I can still remember how tough it was down at W.S. Neal, how we won an exciting game, and how every-thing was so happy after. Next was a blow out win over West Blocton, and the first long trip I ever took as a varsity football player. I was just thrilled to be a member of the Elba Tiger.

So many good things happened. Those tremendous victories, all throughout the play-offs. The greatest feeling in the world was as I walked off that field at T.M. Rogers. So wonderful. A magical, unbelievable year.

This year was one in which we overcame so much. After starting out so slowly, we came back to win 10 football games. On a cold night in Plantersville, we played our hearts out, but it just wasn't meant to be. Disappointed, I was. Yet we had a good, solid year, one that we can all be proud of.

The past six years have given me so much joy and pleasure associated with football. I will never look back at my Elba Tiger days with anything but pride. I was just thrilled to be a member of the Elba Tiger.



Student Spotlight

by Markell Adkison

Zelma Freeman is a 17 year old senior. She is the colorguard of the Elba Tiger Marching Band, in which she has had 3 years of experience. Her hobbies include spending time with Larrrie and being with her friends and family. Zelma is a member of FBLA, FFA, and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She also attends Shady Grove Methodist Church.

David Rowe is an 18 year old senior. He plays flanker and tailback for the Elba Tigers. In basketball, David plays power forward. He also plays center field and is pitcher of the "Tiger Baseball" Team. He has had 4 years of experience, in each of these sports. David's hobbies include skiing, singing, studying psychology, and reading the Bible. He is also vice president of the senior class and attends Elba Baptist Church.

Molly Mills is a 15 year old freshman. She is the co-captain of the Elba Jr. High cheerleading squad and has been cheering for 3 years. Molly's hobbies include being with friends, taking on the phone, and cheering. She is a member of Jr. Beta Club, Chi Alpha Mu, Spanish Club, FCA, and Girl Scout Troop #300. Molly is also a member of First Baptist Church Elba.

Shannon Siler is an 18 year old senior. She plays clarinet in the Elba Marching Tiger Band. Shannon has been in the band for 7 years and has been the section leader of the clarinet section for the past 2 years. She enjoys talking on the phone with her boyfriend, Shannon. Shannon is a member of VICA and the Student Assembly of God Church.

Curry Jones Curry is a junior. He plays center on the Elba Varsity Basketball Team. Curry has had five years of experience on the basketball court. His hobbies include basketball, rapping, and spending time with girlfriend, Dee Dee. Curry's inspirations are Michael Jordan, Big Boy, and his girlfriend, Dometria (Dee Dee) Silar. Curry is a member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church.



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A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP

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1. Follow a regular schedule. Go to sleep and get up the same time each day.
2. Try to exercise at regular times each day, especially two to four hours before retiring.
3. Be aware of what you eat. Avoid drinking caffeine drinks late in the day.

4. Don't drink alcohol or smoke cigarettes to help you sleep.
5. Create a safe and comfortable sleeping environment.
6. Develop a bedtime routine. Do the same things each night to tell your body it's time to wind down.

7. Use your bedroom only for sleeping. If you can't fall asleep within 15 minutes, go to another room until you feel sleepy again.
8. Try not to worry about your sleep. Play mental games that help induce sleep -- such as thinking black -- a black cat on a black velvet pillow.

For more information about sleep contact the Better Sleep Council, P.O. Box 13, Washington DC 20044; (703) 683-8371.

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For regular cleaning, wiping the element with a damp cloth is often sufficient. If the element is lightly soiled, use an all purpose powdered or liquid cleanser and rinse thoroughly. For more difficult stains, soapy scouring pads are suggested.

Again, rinse thoroughly. Warning the element at a low setting before cleaning will facilitate the process. Whatever cleaning process is used, heat the element on a medium setting immediately afterward so it will dry thoroughly and not rust or corrode.

Always allow the cooktop to cool completely before cleaning. For normal daily cleaning, simply wipe the top with a damp cloth; a glass cleaner can be used to remove smudges and light soil. For those difficult-to-remove stains, use a nonabrasive cleanser, hand dishwashing liquid or a paste of baking soda and water. Do not use any cleaning product that is not recommended for use on glass. Rinse thoroughly, then dry and buff with a clean dry cloth.

Round & About With Eria

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The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones.

And caused me to pass by them round about; and, behold there were very many in the open valley; and lo, they were very dry.

And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? and I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

Thus said the Lord God unto these bones, behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live.

And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

Ezekiel 37:1-6

THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU

The Autrey family, The Brooks family, The Waters family, The Thomas family, Mrs. Maggiehead, Mrs. Corine (O.B.) Daniels, Mrs. Lillian Tanks

Those visiting Mrs. Mary Alice Hooks, Elba, for the Christmas holidays were Elder Eugene and Ruby Hooks Johnson, and Alan, Bronx, N.Y.; Estella Hooks Ramsy, St. Al.

ban, N.Y.: Janice and Joyce Hooks, Phoenix, Ariz. Jerry and Arleen Hooks, and daughter, Claremont, Calif. They also visited the Rocky Head MB Church, Elba, for worship services Sunday, December 23rd.

Donald and Barbara Kelley Smith, and Raymond Reid, Charlotteville, Vir. visited Mrs. Charlene Smith, New Brockton and Mrs. Ernestine Kelley & family, Elba.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Kelley, Mr. Tillman Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Belcher (Eria), all of Elba and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Belcher, (Betty) Montgomery, during the Christmas holidays.

Clemmie C. Hogan, Houston, Texas, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hogan (Nettie Ruth) and Oscar Hogan, Enterprise and Mr. Tillman Lindsey and Grover and Eria Belcher of Elba last Thursday.

Roderick Rideaux was pianist, Patti Porter director and Joyce Jones, president.

Today is a good day! Be grateful Eria

COMMUNITY MASS CHOIR

The Community Mass Choir, Elba was in concert at St. Peter Baptist Church in Andalusia, Alabama on Sunday night, December 30, 1990 at 7:00 p.m.

Roderick Rideaux was pianist, Patti Porter director and Joyce Jones, president.

Today is a good day! Be grateful Eria



Mr. and Mrs. Belcher

Belcher-Dunlap Wedding held in Biloxi November 24

Staff Sergeant Dora Dunlap and Sergeant Warren Belcher were united in marriage on November 24, 1990 at 1:00 p.m. in Division Street Church of Christ in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Brother Luther Harville officiated the double ring ceremony and led the closing prayer.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coley B. Dunlap of Anomry, Mississippi. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Belcher, Sr. of Elba.

Mrs. Fountaine Brown, Biloxi, registered the guest as they entered the building and the ushers handed out the wedding programs. The registry table was covered with a white and blue linen cloth with an arrangement of roses, wedding souvenirs and confetti.

The couple exchanged vows under a brass arch with blue and white S-shaped spirals on brass staffs. Each family pew was marked with blue and white silk bow streamers.

Special selections of wedding music were played by Kimberly Kelley, Elba, niece of the groom. A special song "My Life Begins With You" was sung by Evelyn Belcher, sister of the groom.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore a gown of white silk with a floral pattern and wrist-length sleeves.

She carried a bouquet of white roses, blue tiger lilies and baby's breath cascading with blue and white ribbons.

The groom wore a white tuxedo with tails.

Mrs. Josephine Pope, Ocean Springs, Miss. served as Matron of Honor, and friend of the bride. She wore a navy blue chiffon knee length dress. Melissa Dunlap, sister of the bride, served as Jr. bridesmaid. She wore a pink satin dress with a blue stain ribbon around her waist.

The mother of the bride wore a blue chiffon knee length dress.

The mother of the groom wore a royal blue two piece suit with a white silk blouse and ruffled front.

The best man, Staff Sergeant Michael Stringer wore the blue military mess dress with tails.

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